THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) The Task Force was constituted in August, 1992 for evaluating the existing strategy for control of malaria and recommending appropriate strategies for its control, particularly in tribal areas. The Task Force has recently submitted its report; it has recommended decentralisation of the programme and its implementation based on micro plans; early diagnoses and disease management; community participation and health education.

(b) 1.42 million malaria cases have been reported during 1992.

Vector developing resistance to insecticides and parasite developing resistance to medicines in certain areas, increasing urbanisation and industrialisation, inadequate health infrastructure etc. are responsible for spread of malaria.

Towards effective malaria control, malariogenic stratification with revised strategy consisting of prompt case detection and treatment and use of new bio-technologies for vector control are planned.

Supply of Medicines from Medical Stores Organisation

4167. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government have requested for the supply of medicines from Medical Stores Organisation for implementing the various health programmes effectively; if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the medicines have been supplied by the Medical Stores Organisation as and when requested by the State Government; and

(c) if not, the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government for supplying the medicines so that people should not be affected due to non-availability of the medicines?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) to (c) Medical Stores Organisation primarily caters to the requirements of Central Government Hospitals/Dispensaries and National Health Programmes. Some State Governments also place indents.

Indented medicines are supplied either from available stocks or within a reasonable period of time required for procurement and supply.

Chloroquin ineffective to sure malaria cases

4168. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Mosquitoes in the country have become DDT resistant and common medicine 'Chloroquin' has become ineffective to cure Malaria cases;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether any new medicine has come in the market for Malaria and new method invented for destroying Mosquitoes in the country;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof;

(e) whether Government propose to promote traditional herbal medicines to counter the Malaria and Mosquito menace in the country; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) and (b)